the time she was rolling in the trough of the sea they had all been kent under look and key, so that they could not go on deck, where they would have instantly been swept overboard. The Menominee reached Falmouth on December 18th, three days before the Codric sailed. Her four other passengers will come over but the next Atlantic transport steamer to sail, the Minnehahm.

Those that arrived on the Cedric yesterday say that fully £10,000 will have to be spent on the steamer for repairs before she can again be put in commission. She was swept from side to side time and time again. The plates of the forward bridge were bent and buckled her standhone and rails washed away, deck plates warped and twisted as though they were of nast-board (times knoecked awry, and everything above water was damaged by the seas. Had it not been for the heroism and energy of Captain Lucas and his men, the Menominee would probably be at the bottom now. Her plassengers say there cannot be any too high praise given to the officers and crew of the disabled steamer.

#### THE CUSTOM-HOUSE.

'A Part of It Rushed and the Other at Ease.

The Federal building was almost vacant yesterday. The occupants of the various cities had not finished their celebration of Christmas. The cierk of the District Court, Mr. Brady, and his deputy were in the office much of the day, but there was little to do but wait for closing time. The office was closed early and it might have been closed the whole day almost as well

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In the marshal's office Mr. Trent was
still away, but Deputy Marshal Bland was
holding down the office until the arrival
of Mr. Malcolm A. Coles, who came in
late in the afternoon from Washington,
where he spent the holiday quietly with

relatives.

The revenue offices were closed up tight early in the day, there being little to do and little disposition to do that. From now on to the end of the year, and well into the new year the force will be busy. As a live of bees,

Mr. Joseph B. Stewart, custodian of the building and collector of customs, was sitting at the receipt of customs, but the duty-payers were lacking, and the collector did not take in enough to pay his day's salary.

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On the postoffice floor the entire force was wrestling with piles of belated Christman packagos and showers and streams of letters, which seemed to be augmented faster than they could be distributed or delivered. The carriers went forth staggering under their loads of Christman mail, and many a heart was made happy by the delivery of the missive which contained remembrances from absent friends. The business force of the postoffice will soon be making up the reports of the month's business and lighting up receipts for the year.

#### ELIJAH DOWIE IS NOT DISCOURAGED

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WAUKEEGAN, I.L., Dec. 26.—Dowie spent most of his time at the Christmas service yesterday in Shiloh Taberancle in impressing upon his audience that he is Elijah. He said that the rengon he issued leases in Zion City for 1,000 years was because within the next hundred years Christ will return to earth and that He will return to earth and that He will return to earth with Christ, and he believed that their landing would be at that very spot where to-day he addressed the Zion prople.

ward. He declared that if after he died in-fidels should in in any way got hold of Zion lands and carry on their carousels that he will himself return to earth and order them all off the sacred ground, as the title to the land will never pass from him.

Two at a Shot.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
MADVERN HILL, VA., December 26.—
Mr. John Trueman was successful enough to kill two fine wild turkey gobblers at one ghot, one dressing twenty pounds and the other fifteen, on Christmas morning.

## ANOTHER ILLEGAL POSTOFFICE LEASE

And Another Western Senator About to Get Into the Meshes of Outraged Law.

(Special to The Times-Disputch.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.-Following close on the Pristow report in the postoffice scandal comes a new discovery of illegal renting of a postoffice site. allegation is made that Eenator Warren, of Wyoming is the lessor of the post-office building in Cheyenne. The lease was made in April, 1899, for a four-year

The matter has been brought to the attention of the Postoffice Department, and the lease will doubtless be canceled. In an interview, Senator Warren is reported as saying: "I cannot say at the moment whether or not my name is affixed to a lease with the government for the Cheyenne postoffice. A number of buildings in Cheyenne are owned by corporations in which I am interested, and I hold teveral in private ownership. The postoffice occupies a portion of the Warren block, built by me for general purposes over twenty-five years ago. The ren block, built by me for general purposes ever twenty-five years ago. The
bestoffice has been in the block a part
of the time, off and on, for nearly twenty
years. During the time the block in question has changed ownership two or three
times. If it was standing in my name,
or in the name of a corporation with
which I was connected at the time the
leases were executed, then very likely I
signed them, either as agent, offier or
owner."

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# "WILD JOY

Has Not Had a Cold Since She Began to Sleep Out of Doors, Summer and Winter.

"You will never know what the wild joy of living is until you sleep as I do." exctaimed Mrs. Blanche C. Martin, instructor at Lasell Seminary.

It would be difficult to describe Mrs. Martin's entinustasm for her out-of-door siceping arrangements. "Last winter I slept where the thermometer was 18 destress below zero. In fact, I have slept grees below zero. In fact, I have slept thus for four years and during that time I have not had a cold. Mr. Martin, too, who was in consumption when we were married, has been cured by this fresh air treatment."

Mrs. Martin believes thoroughly in pienty of fresh air. About four years ago she found herself in a vitally impaired condition, which was the result of overwork. It was impossible for her to

go away from home.

The idea came to her, she said, that if sleeping out of doors would make people well, it would also keep them well. So at her home, No. 356 Moody Street, Waltham, she had a part of the front plazza of the house inclosed with screen wire sides to the height of any years event one and where there is an screen wire sides to the neight of any room, except one end, where there is an ordinary door, which tastens for protection. As there is no gass about this unique department, the air in it, wastever the temperature may be, is as cold as it is outside.

In order that she may be screened from passersby on the street, Mrs. Martin has

the temperature has been accounted from passersay on the street. Mrs. Martin has had a dado on boards set up lightly about the room, but this oces not preclude the air from coming into the little apartment, and little apartment in little apartment in little apartment in the more also outside awnings which provide an additional sheed it in the gaze of the c. i. us little and the little apartment in the gaze of the c. i. us little and the little apartment in the little apartment in the counter of the c. i. us little and the little apartment in the room. The couple of pairs of heavy blankets, and an elderdown puff if the weather should be extremely cold. Bosides the couch there are several chairs in the room. "Now come inside the house," said Mrs. Martin, as she led a Globe reporter from her breezy chamber. "Here is the couch that Mr. Martin eleps on, right by these windows are down all night, and his head is close beside them, but he is neathly and strong."

Culte apart from Mrs. Martin's hardy possion for cool, fresh air, she is a remarkable woman, not remarkable merely in the mainer of her attainments, but a woman who lies as truly self-made as was ever any man who has arisen from the drasted environment of early life to the realization of an unquenchable ambition by virtue of heroes strivings.

"Assume dramhtically that you are well and strong," is she recommand to all.

Mrs. Martin units moral and mental with physical entire. By means of right

and sprong, is her command to all.

Mrs. Martin unites moral and mental
with physical culture. By means of right
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"You must awaken the solar plexus and the nervous system by taking exorcises at the same time that you are thinking and the same time that you are thinking and the same time that you are thinking and expressing thoughts," she explained, when you exercises says, "I am well and happy, hurrath," or 'I am strong, I am life, I am health,
"Utter positive stements of good will toward the whole world, because you can't think yourself into any condition," without making the body respond. The mental and the physical united make a new kind of health.

"Personal development includes body," mind and soul, and the strengthening of the character as it whole. There needs to be a general awakening, mentally and physically, for twethirds of the people are asleep. Psycho-physical culture has a stimulating effect upon the girls at Lasell, many of whom, like the daughters of of weithly parents elsewhere, are indifferent to most things they see around them, flut the training makes them realize that they must do for themselves. A mind that is alert must be followed by a responsively healthy body."

Mrs. Martin wears all her garments suspended from the shoulders. Her gown is made like any other gown, except that the stirt and the waist are sewed together; the effect is that of a princess robe, the control of the courage thus far to follow the practice through the winter, Mrs. Martin firmly believes that all success or failure is in the individual. A

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Mrs. Martin firmly believes that all success or failure is in the individual. A broof of her theory seems to be found in the fact that, though she began without money, she is now one of the largest property owners in Waltham, her financial prosportly being the result of her own indefatigable labors.—Chicabo Tribune.

# HORSES AND HORSEMEN

Fine Brood Mares for the Eastern Shore of Vir-

BUYS THE BEVERLY FARM

Peter Paul Wintering Finely and Owner Expects Him to Win

American Derby for 1904.

Eastern Shore of Virginia breeders,

Eastern Shore of Virginia breeders, the Floyd Brothers, whose establishment is near Bridgetown, in Northampton county, are infusing new blood into their frotting stud year after year. They own Sidney Prince, 2:21 1-4, son of Sidney, and his stud companions are Red Oliver, by Electrite from the great brood mare Lady May, and a young horse by Baron Dillon, from a producing dam. There is no more popular horse in Virginia than Sidney Prince, and his book for some seasons has filled to overflowing. At the recent Pasig-Tipton sale, New York, the Mesers, Floyd added cleven head of well bred brood mares to their collection, and the additions of these matrons is likely to produce results of a highly satisfactory nature. They are by successful sires, and, mated with the Floyd stallions, should throw gace-winners. The mares in question are Harlo, bay, foaled 1895, by Allerton, 2:99 1-4; Baroniess Sprague, by Baron Wilkes, bred to Expedition, 2:15 3-4; Kenamusa, a brown, foaled 1900, by Allerton, dam Kate Ft, dam of Birchwood, 2:15, by Mambrino Boy, bred to Expedition; Eggeria, a black, foaled 1991, by Wilkes Boy, dam Equira, by Expedition; Baroiner, Red Rock, a bay, foaled 1895, by Egottst, 2:22, dam Dixle Phallas, by Phallas, 2:13 3-4, bred to Allerton; Baroflettia, 3, 2:17 1-4, pacing, a bay, foaled 1895, by Grand Baron, 2:12 1-4, dam Colleta, 2:19 1-4, by Nutbreaker, 2:24 1-4, bred to Grantin Boy, 2:98; Alsolma, a bay, foaled 1898, by Gillig, 2:23 1-2, by Mattham; Miss Thayer, a black, by Simmons, 2:28, dam Espirit, by Cuyler; Clara McGregor, a chestiaut, foaled 1886, by Robert McGregor, 2:17 1-4, dam Clara Morris, by Mambrino Patchen, bred to managing Director; and Clemone, a bay, foaled 1899, by Cresceus, 1:29 3-4, dam Aurola, siter to Delegate, bred to managing Director; and Clem-once, a bay, foaled 1899, by Cresceus, 1:59 3-4, dam Aureola, sister to Delegate, 2:27 1-4, by Dictator.

1:93 3-4, dam Aurcola, sister to Delegate, 2:27 1-4, by Dictator.

The brood mares purchased by the Floyd Brothers and placed in their stud should make history for the Eastern Shore of Virginia, as most of them are bred in fashionable lines and carry the blood of the most successful sires of the present day. Nearly all of them trace to George Wilkes, Electioneer and Alexander's Abdallah, a trie holding the first rank among the sons of Hambletonian, 10. Some of these mares are yet young, and will be trained and raced before being retired permanently to the stud, while others are already staid mairons and were purchased specially for breeding. Those by Allerton, Expedition, Wilkes Boy and Robert McGregor are the get of sires of proven merit and likely to attract attention in any stud, of course, but I confess more or less partiality for Clemonce, the daughter of the stallion king, Cresceus, 159 3-4, not wholly because she is by that mighty warrior, but on account of her carrying the blood of Dictator on the maternal side, through her dam, Aurcola, the sister to Delegate, 2:271-2. When mated with Sidney Prince Clemonce should throw a race horse, as the prospective foal will carry blood that has produced Lou Dillon, 158 1-4, queen of frotters, and Cresceus, 1:50 3-4, who reigns as king of them.

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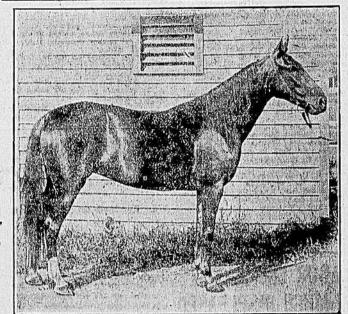
Broad Street.

land and epleselid blue grass. Mr. Oxnard has been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. W. Jardine as stud manager. Mr. Jardine, a Scotchman by birth, has had many years experience in the breeding and raising of thoroughbred stock in England, and also in the Argentine, where for several years he was in charge of the Haras-Nacional, where there are over two hundred mares kept Mr. Jardine is how at Boverly, and will get things in shape to receive the mares that will be slipped there at once.

After the close of the Washington

Sidney Prince Clemonce should throw a race horse, as the prospective foal will carry blood that has produced Lou Dillon, 1:55 1-4, queen of trotters, and Cresceus, 1:60 3-4, who reigns as king of them.

One of the most remarkable occurrences in turf history occurred at Moorefield, Australia, October 17, when three horses rah a dead heat for the Moorefield Handicap, one and one-quarter miles, and on running it off the three deade-heated again, the owners dividing, The horses were R. O'Connor's Highflyer (121 lbs.), P. J. Ward's Barindi (106), and W. Kelso's Loch Lochie (61). The time was 2:13



PERRITTE, 2:2214.

Chestnut Mare, by Juror, 2:244, dam hindred, by Mambrino Star, Owned by the Walton Stock Far m, Falls Mills, Va.

and 2:13 1-3. Five others started,

Agent Taylor, of the S. P. C. A. killed four Horses.

Agent Taylor, of the S. P. C. A. killed four horses on Christmas Day, in order to put the suffering animats out of their passey. Two of the horses had broken legs and belonged, respectively, to Mesers, E. W. Gates and J. W. Billey.

Another was the property of Mr. M. T. Page, and the other belonged to a man on Williamsburg Avenue.

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world, nave made side trips into accuraevery country on the map, have traversed
the United States from every point of
the compass, and I have nover point acent for railroad fare. Traveling? Why,
it's a cinch."

The speaker was Eddle Simms, who
boasts the semewhat tronical title of
"the King of Tramps." The sceptreless
sovereign of the genus hobe had just
climbed down from the open air top
borth at the Pensylvania station.

He is beardless, and but 22 years of
age. More remarkable still, he washes,
and his face and hands are as clean as
are the youngster's who has just started
for Sunday school. He has a portmanteau, in which he carries a clothes brush,
tooth brush and comb, and other articles
of toilet use.

He also keeps a diary, which is full of
interesting information about his journeys. He dresses neatly, and when en
route wears a suit of jeans over his better clothes.

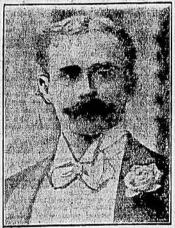
"My home is in Bioomington, Ill.,"
said young Simms to a reporter. "My
parents and several of my brothers and
sisters live there, and are comfortably
situated. I am passicmately fond of
traveling, and, besides, I intend some day
to write a book of my experiences, and

traveling, and, besides, I intend some day to write a book of my experiences, and I want to have plenty of them stored up.

"I have been all over the world, and there is hardly a railroad in the United States that I haven't ridden over, and yet I have never paid a railroad fare. I first began beating my way in September, 1807, when I started making little trips on the 'blind' from Bloomington to other towns nearby. The desire to travel and see things in every part of the world took possession of me, and I determined to start out and enjoy my-self.

self.
"I always ride on express trains, and never on freights. The freights run too slowly, and besides one meets so many buins' on treights, and I have made it a rule to travel alone. I can 'beat my way' on any train that ever ran. I have never been arrested, and never spent a moment in jail. In all my wandering about the world I have never begged a mouthful of food, and notwithstanding that I am traveling among strangers most of the time, I always have plenty to eat.
"How do I work it? Well, I go to the back door of a hotel or restaurant and hand one of the employes a dime and unewspaper, and in a few minutes he will

newspaper, and in a few minutes he will come back with enough grub to last me for two days, and it is seldom that the restaurant people will keep the money



MR. BEAUREGARD RYAN.

I offer them for food. I then take the edibles to say, 'Pennsylvania Hotel, room 77,368,' as I designate the cars of the different roads, and dine like a prince,' Young Simms stated that he made his first long trip in October, 1898, when he took a notion to see the launching of the hattleship Illinols. He started out for first long trip in October, isse, whom is took a notion to see the launching of the battloship Illinois. He started out for Nowport News from Bloomington several days before the launching, and arrived in the Atlantic coast city on schedule time. After the launching he traveled in the Atlantic coast city on schedule time. After the launching he traveled through New York State, the New England States, and their came South. He returned to Bloomington, Ill., after an absence of eleven months, having traveled 2,750 miles, at a total of \$2.11, which he spont for food during the time. "After my return from my first long trip," continued Simms, "I beat my way to South Dakota, where I worked for a while in the harvest fields. Then with a little bunch of money I rode the 'blind' back to St. Paul, determined to go to the Pacific coast. It was getting rather cold in the North, and I was averse to riding outside in such weather.

"I investigated the opportunities for riding in a sheltered position, and finally discovered that the big buffet car on the flyer on which I proposed to ride had a huge coal box under it for carrying fuel for cocking purposes,

"I got into the coal box of the diner at St. Paul, Minn., one Thursday night about 9 o'clock, and rode all the way to Spokane, Wash., arriving there on Sunday avening. I had with me considerable bread, and a bottle of water, and did not in the least suffer on account of the cold.

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"I worked as a swamper in a logging camp out in Seattle, and made many little trips up and down the coast on some of the finest flyers in that section. I then decided to make a trip by water, so I signed as ifreman on a steamer and went to Yokonsma, Japan. I went all over the country, visiting the various ports in China and Japan, finally working my way back to the United States on a steamer.

"After a little recreation in beating my way on the steam cars on the Pacine coast, I went to the Philippines on a transport, working my way. I was gone

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The finest quality of granulated loaf sugar is used in the manufacture of Chamberiain's Cough Remedy, and the roots used in its preparation give it a flavor similar to maple syrup, making it quite pleasant to take. Mr. W. L. Roderlich erick, of Poolesville, Md., in speaking of this rememy says: "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy with my children for several years, and can truthfully say it is the best preparation of the kind I know of. The children like to take it and it has no injurious after effect." For saie by all druggists.



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almost a year on that trip, and when I returned to Sun Francisco I worked as a porter in one of the department stores there for several weeks, but the spirit of wandering was upon me, and I had to 'hike' out again.

"The only time I ever paid car fare," said Simms, "was in going on an excursion across a sandy desert in Australia." The rates were so cheap for the excursion, he said, that he didn't care to beat his way, and then he had more agreeable company by riding inside the car.

While in Australia Simms conceived the idea of viewing the coronation of King Edward. He secured pussage as a coal passer on a steamer bound for Hremerlavon, Germany. He visited Naples, Vienna, Parls, Hamburg, Berlin, Frankfort-on-the-Main, Brussels and many other European cities, beating his way to the different cities on the railroads, He says the railroads in America are easy, but in Europe they are easier still.

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"The King of Tramps" stated that he prefers riding on top of Pulimans in the night time, but if the occasion demands it, he says he can rido anywhere on the train excepting on the sides of the cars. For riding the trucks he has a sort of padded swing board with a rope on either end. This seat he fastens about his body, and the board rests on the rods. He carries a watch with him always when riding the trucks at night, and catches the time by the sparks from the wheels when the brakes are set against them.—Weshington Star.

# CHANGED FROM SNAKE TO BIRD

Reptiles in Far-Distant Past Gradually Changed to Feathered Creatures.

At first sight birds and lizards soom to be about as far apart as any two races of living creatures could well be. Yet the family has developed directly from reptiles, and the differences between them are far less than those between any other two of the great families.

Finding that there was a plentiful supply of food in the air in the shape of flying insects, certain of the smaller rep-tiles of the earth's earl yages gradually

flying insects, certain of the smaller reptiles of the earth's earl yages gradually developed wings in order to feed on it. There was thus evolved a flying lizard, the remains of which are often found fossilized, and which we call the pterodactyl. Its wings were battlike, and its powers of flight not so great as those of a bird. The creature's scales gradually turned to feathers, and the bird of the present age was the result.

That this is no mere confecture is deminitely proved by that very odd brazilian tird, the tourace, or gypsy. The nourace is about the size of a pheasant, and cutwardly has a birdlike appgarance flut on dissecting it its internal economy is found to be quite unlike that of other birds, and to strongly resemble that of certain reptiles.

The most extraordinary point about the tourace is, however, that its young, when first hatched, have reptilelike heads and are, morsover, provided with claws upon their wings. They do not attempt to fly for some weeks, but crawl about on all-fours, just as young reptiles do. They can use their wingelaws for olimbing up a branch. A nestling thrown into the water dives at once like a froz, and it is almost impossible to catch it. Even the grown birds do not fly well, and altogether the tourace offers a plain proof of the near relationship between birds and reptiles.

Young whales possess a few bristles around the mouth, a feature which belongs to no fish. It is only one of inany proofs that whales and all their family were at one time land creatures, and only took to the sea because they found the competition ashore too sovere for them.

Whales have warm blood like ourselves.

for them, . Whales have warm blood like ourselves, . Whales have warm blood like ourselves, Whiles have warm blood like ourselves, lungs for breathing air, and, instead of maying eggs like fish, and leaving them to chance, they tond their young as carefully as do any land animals. The tail of the whale is another point in which it absolutely differs from a fish. It is placed so as to lie flat on the surface of the water; fish have their tails set upright or edgeways.

All the cetacea, in fact—that family which includes the whiles, porpoises, and delphins—are merely land animals which have, for convenience sake, taken to a marine life, and have gradually assumed a fishlike form, according to the needs of their new method of existence.

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FILL SLOVLY CHANGING.

The same may be said of all the seal and walrus family, though these, as they still spend a portion of their life on land, have not become so entirely fishlike in form as the whales. The seals seen on our British coasts have, however, become much more fishlike than toht fur seals. The latter have external ears, which the former have not, and the flippers of our native seals are much more finlike in shape than the limbs of our fur seals. Animals and birds may be actually watched in process of changing their nature. The Australian rabbit, though only haif a century descended from the ordinary British species, is already different from its ancestors. Its claws are developing, and in some parts of the island continent, where gass is scarce, the Australian rabbit is becoming a tree-climber it is often seen at some height from the ground grazing on leaves.

The owl parrot of New Zealand is another which has completely changed its habits within a few generations. From being an insect enter it has, since the introduction of sheep into New Zealand, turned into carnevous bird.

The descendants of domestic cats, abundoned on an island off the coast of South America, were found a few yearn later to have entirely changed their habits. They had not only rayered to the shape and color of their wild ancestors of canturies back, but had learned to like the water and taken to a diet of fish.—London Answers.

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### Mass-Meeting To-day.

A young people's mass meeting will be held under the auspices of Epworth Leagues of Richmond, at Clay Street Methodist Episcopal Church, at 8 o'clock P. M., to-day, It will be addressed by Rev. H. M. DuBose, D. D., general secretary of the Epworth League, South and editor of "Era,"

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